require discussions with the staff-side before finalisation.

Migrant Labour

2463. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of migrant workers who have gone from one State to another to work under some contractors for a fixed period during the last three years, State-wise with originating State;

(b) whether the migrant workers are not able to get their claims settled when compensation cases under Inter-state Migrant Workers Act are taken up by commissioners of State Government other than the originating States;

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to remedy the situation; and

(d) the details of the policies/schemes for the welfare of migrant labour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & conditions of Service) Act, 1979 provides that it shall be the duty of every contractor employing inter-state migrant workmen in connection with the work of an establishment to which this Act applies:-

(a) to ensure regular payment of wages to such workmen;

(b) to ensure equal pay for equal work irrespective of sex;

(c) to ensure suitable condition of work to such workmen having regard to the fact that they are required to work in a State different from their own State;

(d) to provide and maintain suitable residential accommodation to such workmen during the period of their employment;

(e) to provide the prescribed medical facilities to the workmen, free of charge;

(f) to provide such protective clothing to the workmen as may be prescribed; and

(g) in case of fatal accident or serious bodily injury to any such workman, to report to the specified authorities of both the States and also the next-of-kin of the workman.

Revision in Payment Terms

2464. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revised the payment terms for the supply of coal to the consuming industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a wide gap between allotment and actual loading of coal varing from 15 days to 3 months due to shortage of Railway wagon;

(d) the number of textile industries in Gujarat suffering due to shortage of coal supply;

(e) the annual percentage of shortage of coal supply anticipated in the coming years; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken so far by the Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA-

GOUDA): (a) and (b). On the advice of Government of India, Coal India Ltd. have introduced the system of advance payments for coal by power sector. Under this system State Electricity Boards and Power Utilities will pay for the coal in advance before it is despatched to them.

(c) Actual supply of wagons by the Railways depends on availability of wagons to form rakes, and availability of rail capacity to move the rakes. Therefore some gap between allotments of wagons, and actual supplies cannot be ruled out.

(d) To (f). There may be some shortfalls in actual movement of coal to some consumers, including textile mills in Gujarat, because of priority movement of coal by rail to core sectors like power. However, coal companies have been instructed to supply at least 50% of linked quantity of coal to all industries, by rail or by road. No shortage in availability of coal is anticipated either in the current year or in coming years, except for some high quality metallurgical grade coal, which is imported for blending purposes. The Government is taking steps to raise the production of direct feed and washed coking coal from 10.5 million tonnes in the current year to 13.97 million tonnes in 1996-97.

Memorandum of Understanding by Public Sector Undertakings with workers' Union

2465. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Public Enterprises has advised various public sector enterprises not to make any commitment or sign Memorandum of Understanding with their workers' union; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government are taking or contemplating to safeguard the interest of workers in the face of severe price rise and inflation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K THUNGON): (a) and (b). The issues relating to wage policy for the next round of negotiations with the workers and industrial D.A. formula are under the active consideration of the Government. Till such time the Government formulates the new wage policy for the 5th round of wage negotiations, the D.A. is to be paid to the workers as per the existing D.A. Scheme.

[*Translations*]

Deputation of I.P.S. Officers

2466. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the I.P.S. officers from various States are taken on deputation in the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the number of officers on deputation since the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes The I.P.S. officers from various State cadres are taken on deputation to the Union Government in the following categories of posts

(i) the posts in the Central Police Organisations;

(ii) the posts in the Central Secretariat under the Central Staffing Scheme; and